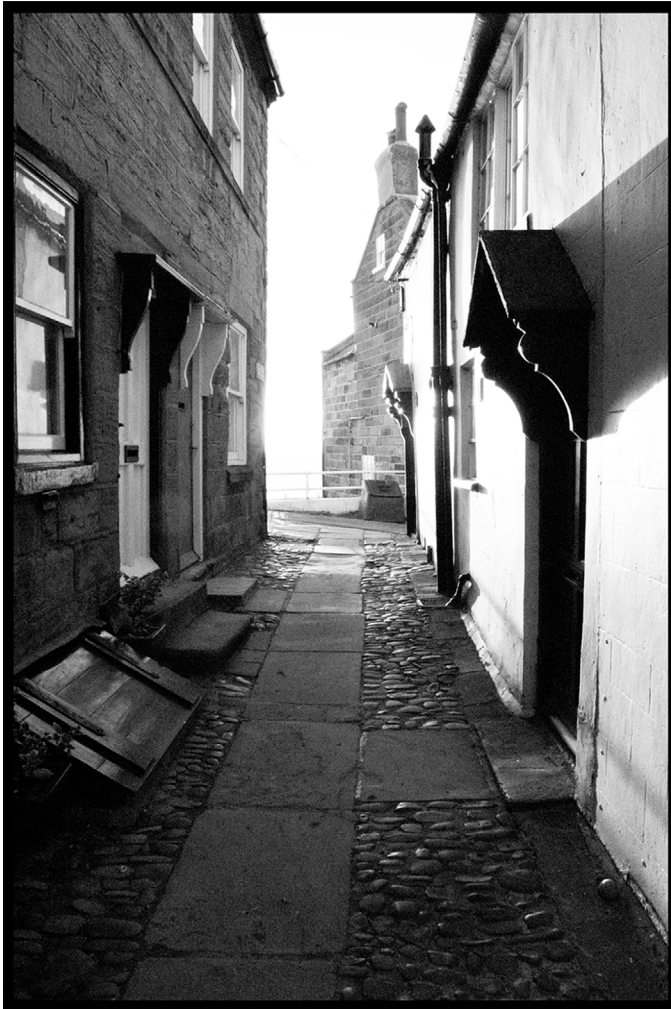


Robin Hood's Bay Guide

Short Guide



*A local yokel's simple visitors guide to
the basics you need to know. (2022)*

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Notes

I work as a simple 'one man band' to create informative guides for the Robin Hood's Bay area as a 'local on the ground'. The advantage of this approach, as I see it, is a much greater level of detail than many standard, churned out leaflets from larger organisation outside of the area, bringing more particular and relevant details. Additionally, some of my 'work' is presented 'free' such as this basic guide, and any products that are to be paid for, will be priced for the budget-sensitive pocket. I only have one mouth to feed, so to speak. The disadvantage is more work and learning curves for me to get under my belt (hints & tips etc, as appropriate, always welcome) and the simple limits of time available. This free pdf should work as **"interactive"** on laptops but there is so much variety in mobile systems that it is mostly likely to lose that feature for the "Contents" page on your mobiles. "Links" appear to be working ok including on mobile. Let me know of any particular problems by email to glitches@rhwwalks.co.uk

2022 Update:

At the moment, The Dolphin pub has closed for refurbishment - this may take quite some while. The other 5 pubs in Bay and Fylingthorpe are open and keen to serve..

ROCK FALLS:

These have been increasing number of rock falls over the past few years and there have been a few, quite dramatic ones of late. For your own safety, when you are on the beach, **avoid 'setting up camp' at the base of cliffs or digging into the cliffs in search of fossils.** Last year some people were digging into the cliff and advised by a local not to do so. They ignored the advice initially but after a few of minutes moved away from the cliff. About 5 or so minutes later the very section of cliff where they had been digging experienced a sudden rock fall. A lucky and fortunate escape. It could easily have gone the other way.

THE CLEVELAND WAY (Robin Hood's Bay to Whitby):

A cliff fall near the start of the path from Robin Hood's Bay towards Whitby has meant an alternative route has had to put in place. Access to the Cleveland Way cliff path is now found by going to the end Mount Pleasant North, turning left and then, a few yards ahead, turning right on to the Cinder Track. Shortly ahead, on the right, a new access path has been created, with signpost, to lead you onto the Cleveland Way. It's only a short detour but needed for safety.

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(Short Guide: 2022)

By Jackson Leggitt.

A simple guide to what's on offer
in and around Robin Hood's Bay.



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Introduction

It all began with walkers regularly stopping outside my house, a little lost and looking for a particular stile. I looked at their 'walking guide', its maps & instructions... and pondered...

"What if... you could have a walking guide with photographs & guide notes of all the various key points along the way so you would always know that you were 'on track'?"

Of course, the walking guide would be improved with a guide to the village. And so, I disappeared down that rabbit hole too.

This simple guide to the villages and facilities of Robin Hood's Bay, and its neighbour Fylingthorpe, is the "short" version of a full and extensive guide and resource which is also available as a FREE pdf download on the website.. The walking photo-guides, to be published soon, can be found online at www.rhbwalks.co.uk and also contain a basic guide to the village itself.

I hope this booklet brings you a useful introduction to Robin Hood's Bay and the immediate, surrounding area. You may find some bits of information repeated from another page in some form or other. I made a decision to let this happen as it does no harm and can also act as a reminder.

My area of concern, when it came to the local maps, was that it is one of those wonderful, awkward shapes that does not lend itself easily to being all contained in one simple map.

And so the village of Robin Hood's Bay itself will be divided into: **Upper Bay** (*the mainly Victorian part ending near the bank top*) & **Lower Bay** (*the mainly pre-Victorian part below the bank top*).

'Lower Bay' is shown in 2 maps. The first for the places to eat and drink and the second for all the other shops and facilities.

At the start of the village guide section are a few pages on safety tips and the location of life-saving equipment – the 4 defibrillators and the 4 lifebuoys. Making yourself familiar with the tips and the equipment locations will help to ensure your stay in Bay is both thoroughly enjoyable and hopefully without 'unwanted incidents' caused by incoming tides, rip currents or rockfalls.

Overall, as guide books go, though this one is quite simple, I still see this guide as simply being an introductory gateway of connections to help you find your way around the area, become aware of what possible attractions await and to provide a means of accessing further information where wanted.

Additional material can be found on the Facebook page under the title of "***Robin Hood's Bay Walks***" where I will be building up further insights to the area with photos and videos.

Details of intended updates, free downloads, forthcoming publications and other useful information, along with photos and videos of the area can also be found on: www.rhbwalks.co.uk

I've made every effort to ensure the information is correct but if you spot any errors or discover something has changed, do please contact me at info@rhbwalks.co.uk.

I'll be able to work on it and update the pdf & eBooks accordingly. Additionally, if you feel there is a topic of information you judge would be useful to have in the guide... just drop me a line.

Happy wandering... and may you become lost & beguiled in the magic.

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A Very Brief Introduction to Robin Hood's Bay

If you have been to Robin Hood's Bay before, it needs no introduction. For those of you who are 'strangers to these parts'... there is a simple, heart-warming 'something' about the place which I feel is somewhat different in little ways for each person. Born & raised a little further up the coast & having now lived in Bay for over 18 years, that 'something', for me, is the blend of the landscape, its scenery, its people & the bay's 'semi-disconnect' from the outside world. Together, they help to create a relaxing place of escape, nature and nurture.

People have lived in this area on and off for thousands of years but the village is primarily known for its sea-faring and fishing history, particularly in the great 'Smuggling' period of the 17 & early 1800s. The later 1800s brought the steam railway to Bay, helping to open up the scenic area to the outside world. The village's popularity as a holiday destination & weekend escape grew in the 2nd half of the 1900s & continues to this day.

Robin Hood's Bay & Fylingthorpe host 6 pubs along with cafes, tea shops, bistros, eateries, gift shops, a museum & more. A list of the various books about Robin Hood's Bay and surrounding area can be found towards the end of this book.

When it comes to walking the many lanes, footpaths & byways, you can easily find yourself on a majestic cliff top path, an ever-changing beach, moorland edge, in woodland valley, by stream and brook, on tracks once travelled by steam trains or getting lost in the 'rabbit warren' of the old village pathways.

Enjoy your stay in Bay and I'm sure, as you explore the village and area, you too will find your own special 'something' about the place that earns it an affectionate little corner in your heart.

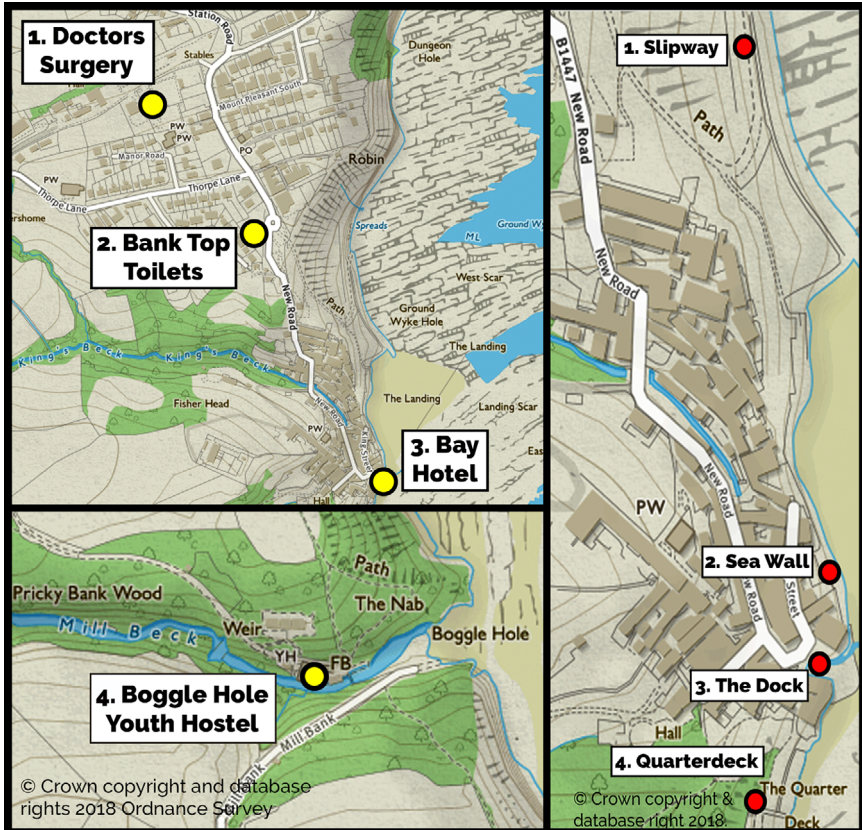
Safety



Tides, Currents & Rock Falls: Each year people get caught out by the incoming tide and have to be rescued by the RNLI or the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. Make sure you **check the tide times** (also a locally sold booklet). The tide moves quickly. At Boggle Hole and Stoupe Beck there is access to the Cleveland Way (cliff path). If trapped further on towards Ravenscar, call the Coastguard on '999'. Rip currents occur in the bay so keep an eye out, especially if using inflatables. The cliff path (Cleveland Way) runs close to the **cliff edge & is subject to erosion, especially in this last year**. Keep children **aware of the dangers** of getting too close to the edge and take care if setting up on the beach not to sit at the very base of the cliffs where rockfalls may occur.

Tide Times Link: <https://www.tideschart.com/United-Kingdom/England/Redcar-and-Cleveland/Robin-Hoods-Bay-Beach/>

Life Saving Devices



Doctors, Defibrillators and Lifebuoys.

The Doctor's Surgery is located near the Village Hall by the main car park opposite the Grosvenor Hotel.

There are 4 defibrillators (yellow circles) in the Robin Hood's Bay area & 4 lifebuoys (red circles).

The following 4 pages give more detail and photographs of their location. Hopefully, you will never need them but it is always useful to be aware of their existence and location.

St John's Ambulance First Aid
<https://www.sja.org.uk/get-advice/>

RHB Doctors Surgery: 01947 880230.

Upper Bay

Upper Robin Hood's Bay



D Defibrillator

- 1 Baytown Stores & Post Office
- 2 The Grosvenor Hotel
- 3 The Victoria
- 4 Public Toilets - FREE
- 5 Public Toilets - 40p



Bus Stop

- 6 Wayfarer Bistro
- 7 Doctors & Dentist
- 8 Village Hall
- 9 Pirate Ship Playground
- 10 North Ings Tea Room

Defibrillators: Located on the outside walls of the Doctor's Surgery & Bank Top Toilets.

All Car Parks: 2-7 day parking tickets can be obtained from Baytown Stores (1).

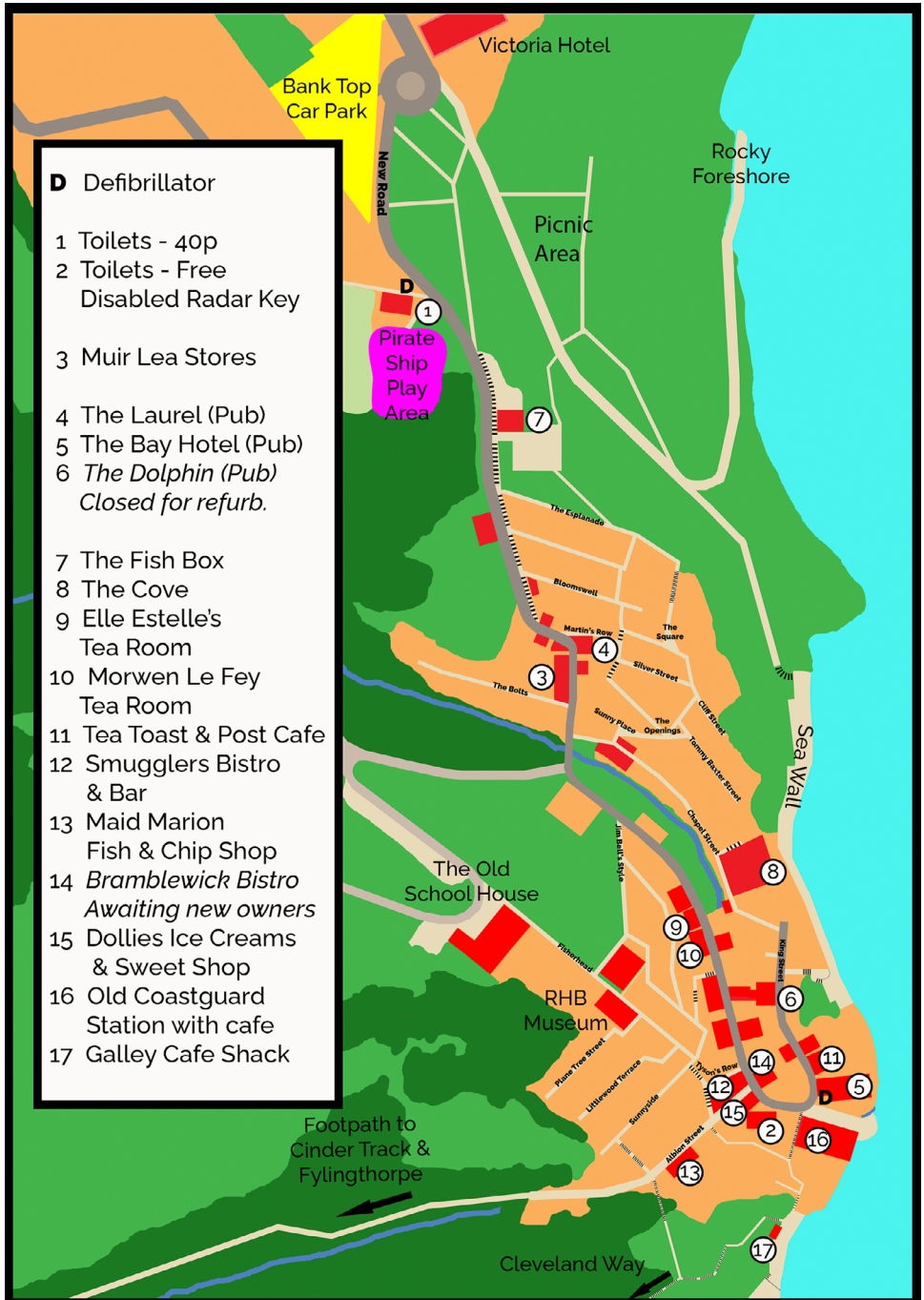
Public Toilets: (4) at the Main Car Park, are free, with 'Disabled' facility. (5) Run by the Parish Council. A charge of 40p (2022) is made towards upkeep - the only way to save these public toilets.

Pirate Ship Play Area: (9) Also has a donations box to help towards upkeep.

Picnic Area: Picnic tables & standing units for bbq. Please clear rubbish to nearest bin.

Post Office: (1) Closes for lunch 12.30pm - 1.30pm. Cash withdrawals for most banks.

Lower Bay: Eat & Drink



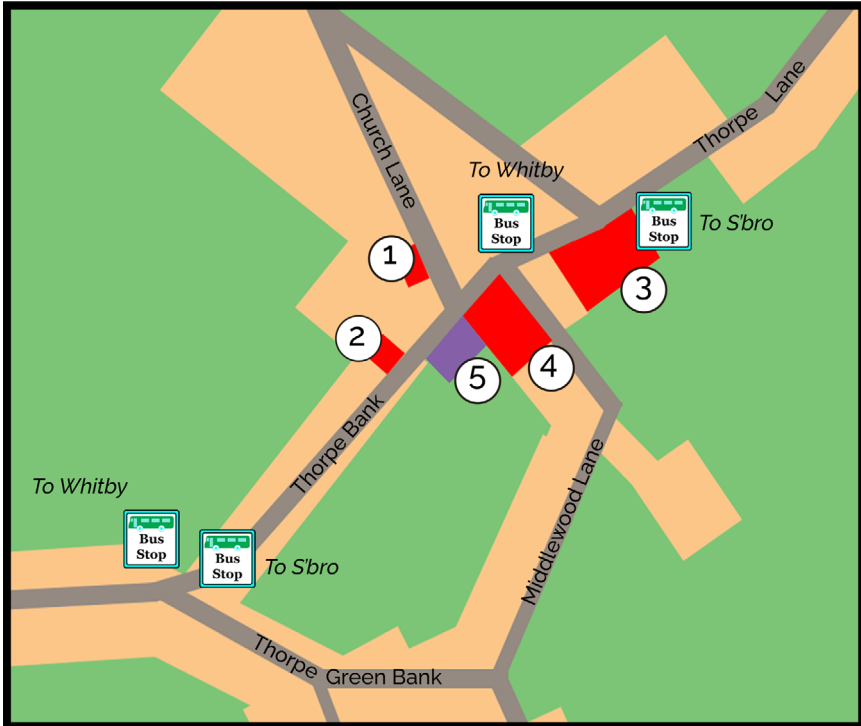
D Defibrillator

- 1 Toilets - 40p
- 2 Toilets - Free Disabled Radar Key
- 3 Muir Lea Stores
- 4 The Laurel (Pub)
- 5 The Bay Hotel (Pub)
- 6 *The Dolphin (Pub) Closed for refurb.*
- 7 The Fish Box
- 8 The Cove
- 9 Elle Estelle's Tea Room
- 10 Morwen Le Fey Tea Room
- 11 Tea Toast & Post Cafe
- 12 Smugglers Bistro & Bar
- 13 Maid Marion Fish & Chip Shop
- 14 *Bramblewick Bistro Awaiting new owners*
- 15 Dollies Ice Creams & Sweet Shop
- 16 Old Coastguard Station with cafe
- 17 Galley Cafe Shack

Lower Bay: Shops



Fylingthorpe



- 1** Thorpe Stores (Post Box) **3** The Fylingdales Inn **5** Children's Play Area
2 Barnard's Butchers **4** Methodist Church

Buses: The service is run by Arriva under the number X93. To check the timetable, which can vary depending on the time of year, simply google "Arriva X93". The Arriva Bus App is available on Google Play and The App Store.

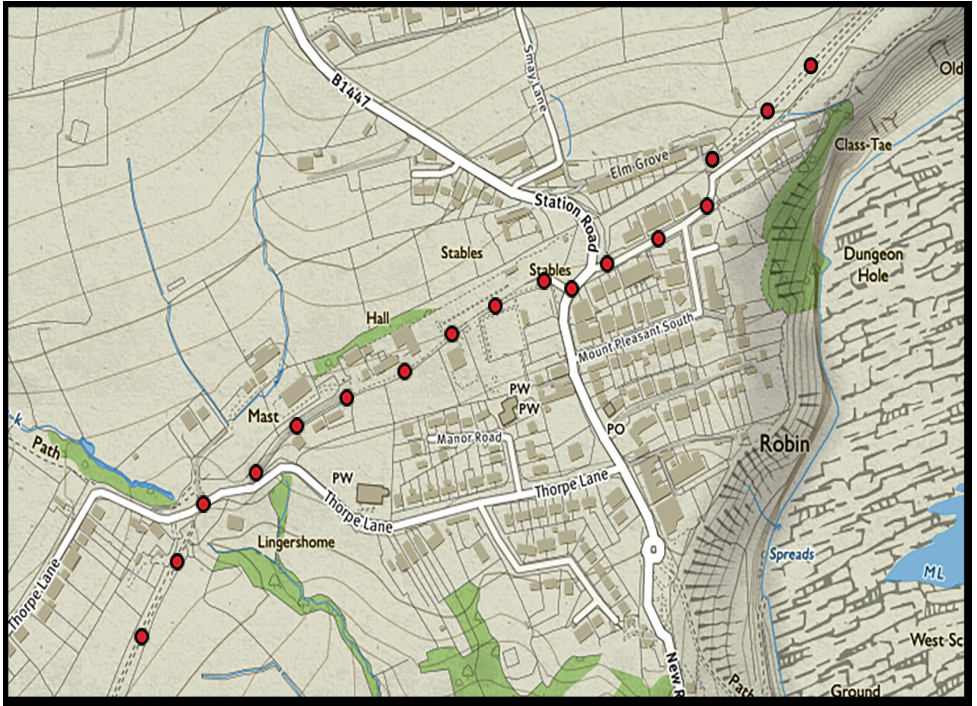
Post Box: Collections are made... Monday-Friday 4pm, Saturday 10.45am

Play Area: Open to the general public. There is also a children's play area for patrons next to the beer garden at The Fylingdales Inn.

Thorpe Stores: Opening hours: Normally 8am - 7pm, 7 days a week.

Barnard's Butchers: Opening hours: Normally Monday-Thursday 8am-6pm, Friday & Saturday 8am-8pm. They also operate a pizza takeaway & delivery service Friday and Saturday evenings til 8pm. Tel 01947 880322.

Cinder Track Link Map

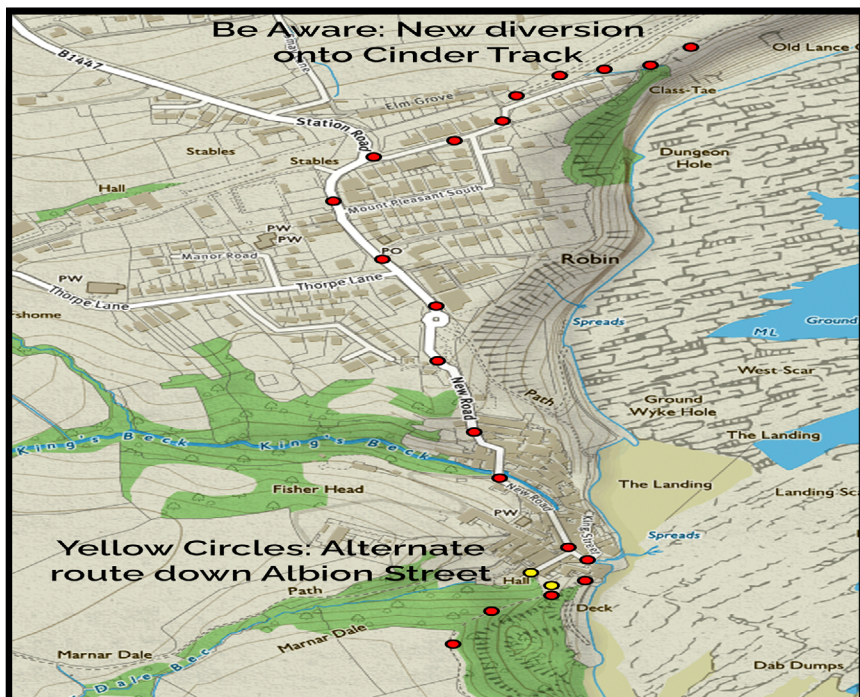


The Cinder Track runs from Whitby, through the edges of Robin Hood's Bay, and on to Scarborough. The track now forms part of Route 1 of The National Cycle Network and is 34.4km (21.5 miles) long.

The Bay to Whitby section is 10.5km (6.5 miles) long and takes about 2.5 - 3 hours on a gentle walk.

The Bay to Ravenscar section is 7.2km (4.5 miles) & takes about 2 hours 20 minutes to walk. People sometimes get a little lost where the track enters Robin Hood's Bay.

Cleveland Way Link Map

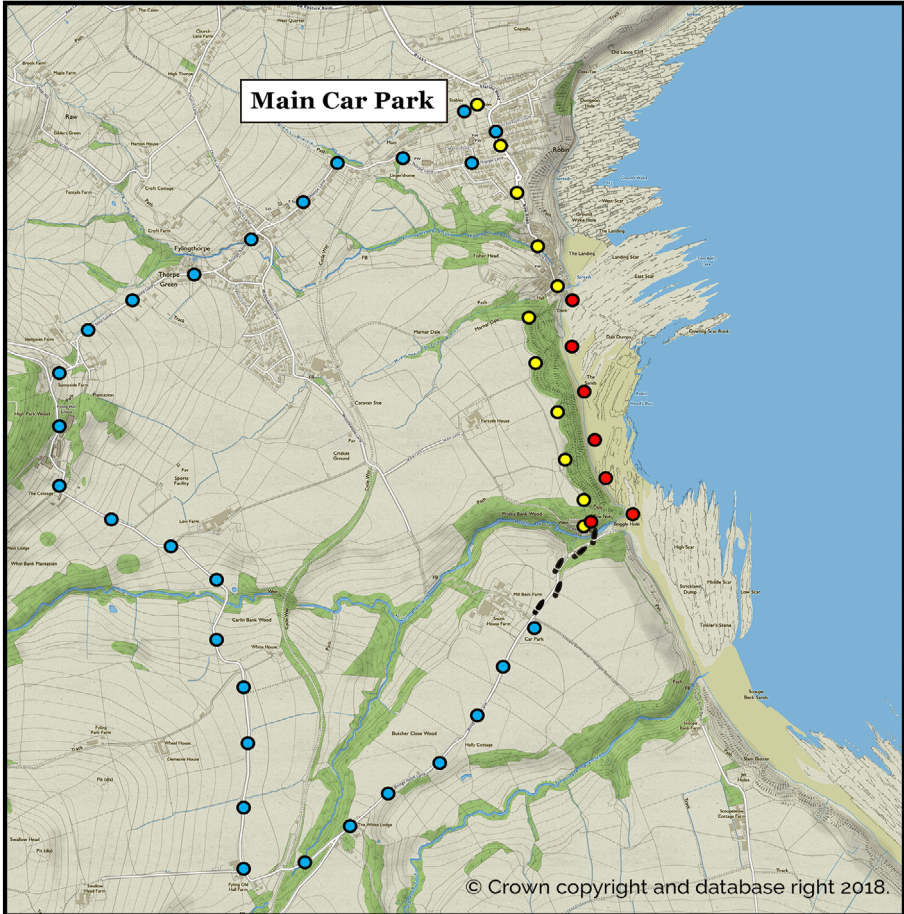


The Cleveland Way, or rather this section of it, runs from Whitby, through Robin Hood's Bay and on to Scarborough. Sections of the cliff path are subject to erosion so please **BE AWARE** as parts of the path are close to the cliff edge.

The Bay to Whitby section is 12km (7 miles) long and takes about 2.5 - 3 hours to walk at a fairly easy pace.

The Bay to Ravenscar section is 10km (6.25 miles) and takes about 2.5 hours to walk. People sometimes get a little lost as the trail enters Robin Hood's Bay. The insert map shows the easiest route to picking up The Cleveland Way again.

Getting To Boggle Hole



By Car: Take the blue circle road route through Fylingthorpe, past Fyling Hall School & Fyling Old Hall Farm on towards South Hall Farm and Mill Beck Farm, where the car park is on the right. Park up at the car park and then it's a short walk down to the Youth Hostel which has no parking.

By Foot: Take the yellow circle route to the bottom of Bay. Go up the steps at the side of the Old Coast Guard Station, down the other side to the Quarterdeck & take the signed pathway on the right up to the cliff path (Cleveland Way). If the tide is out far enough (**CHECK TIDE TIMES**) the red circle alternative route along the beach can be taken.